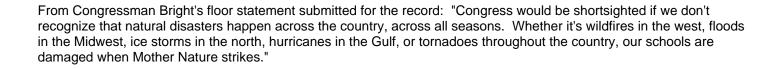
Bright Successfully Adds Disaster Funding Amendment to School Construction Bill

WASHINGTON, DC- Congressman Bobby Bright supported H.R. 2187, the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public
School Facilities Act. The bill provides local school districts resources to make their facilities more environmentally and
energy efficient. While H.R. 2187 contains specific funding for schools damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, it did no
authorize funding for damages from other natural disasters. Bright successfully sponsored an amendment to the bill that
would set aside a portion of the money for other school districts affected by recent natural disasters. The amendment
passed by a unanimous 433-0 vote, and the overall bill passed by a 275-155 margin.

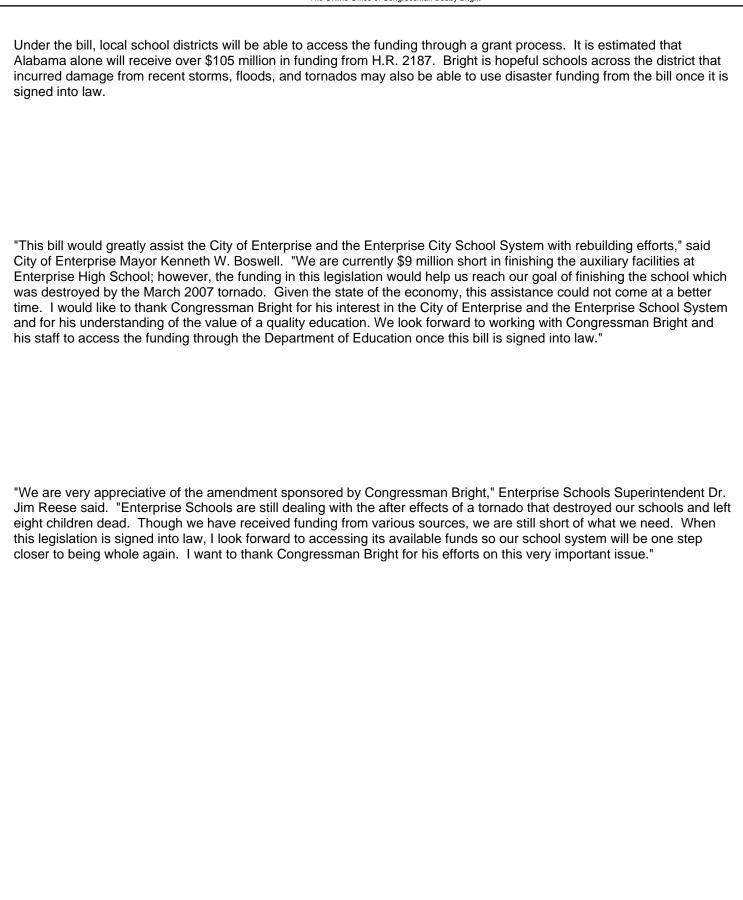


Bright sponsored the amendment due to the lack of additional funding for Enterprise High School following the devastating March 2007 tornado that leveled the school. The new high school remains under construction and the city and school board have exhausted their options for additional school funding.

Bright continued: "I cite the example in Enterprise because I'm sure other school districts across the country will experience similar issues as they recover from natural disasters. Over the past two months, my district alone has seen flooding and storms that have led to at least one federal disaster declaration. Small towns across America are simply not equipped to rebuild a mainstay in their communities like schools when they are destroyed by natural disasters. This is a way for the federal government to lend a helping hand to school districts in need.

"Moreover, I am a believer in the old adage 'if you're going to do something, do it right.' Rebuilding and repairing these schools to 21st Century and environmentally efficient standards will help create a positive and healthy learning experience for our students. The families and students who utilize these schools will be able to take pride in them for years to come."

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